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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, D/T

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SUBJECT : Increases in Cambodian Cement Imports in 1966

1. The volume of cement imported by Cambodia in 1966 will be below the annual average over the past five years. Furthermore, the increase of about 20 thousand tons of cement imported in 1966 over the level of 1965 is not significant. These facts are illustrated by the table below:

\*Imports of Cement in Thousand Metric Tons

|  | <u>1966 (9 Mos.)</u> | <u>1965</u> | <u>1964</u> | <u>1963</u> | <u>1962</u> |
|--|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Known cement imports                                     | 79                   | 84          | N.A.**      | N.A.        | N.A.        |
| Estimated Additional Imports (10% of unidentified cargo) | 8                    | 12          | N.A.        | N.A.        | N.A.        |
| Total cement   | 87                   | 96          | N.A.        | N.A.        | N.A.        |
| Annual cement imports                                    | 116***               | 96          | 112         | 198         | 170         |

\* Statistics for 1962 through 1964 were extracted from the Annuaire Statistique Du Cambodge, 1963-1964, and the statistics for 1965 and 1966 were compiled by T/IS

\*\* Not Applicable

\*\*\* Projected to twelve months.

2. During 1966 and early 1967, Cambodia has been and will be engaged in the following construction projects requiring cement:

- a) GANEFO olympic stadium for the athletic games held for the newly emerging nations in November and December 1966, plus a GANEFO village to house 2,000 athletes.
- b) Large hydroelectric dam outside Phnom Penh
- c) Expansion of Siem Reap airfield
- d) Expansion of port facilities at Sihanoukville
- e) 200 bed hospital
- f) additional road construction, plus a bridge
- g) industrial plants, such as glass, textile, jute, etc.

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3. To suggest the scope of cement requirements for these construction projects being undertaken in Cambodia, several examples are offered:

1. The GANEFO stadium and village probably utilized between 5 and 10 thousand tons of cement.
2. A hydroelectric dam would need about 25 thousand tons of cement.
3. Road construction consumes about 4 thousand tons of cement for every 10 miles of road.



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